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Dear Library Patron,

We are the trustees of the Mary Riley Styles Public Library Foundation Trust (the "Foundation"). The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to support the Mary Riley Styles Public Library ("MRSPL"). The MRSPL has existed for over 100 years as the **only** public library in the City of Falls Church. As such it is the primary non-school **FREE** educational resource location for the City's youth in particular and citizenry in general. The MRSPL is also available at no cost to patrons from neighboring Arlington County and Fairfax County.

Library use continues to increase each year, with circulation at an all-time high. As you probably know, the Commonwealth of Virginia has **dramatically cut funding**, not only for libraries, but also for public school systems. Private schools are under immense pressure to slash costs. These spending cuts make it **critical that we find private financial support** to enable the MRSPL to continue to provide the resources that patrons such as you need now more than ever, **particularly our youngsters** who will see many of their school's resources eliminated or reduced.

We know **you are a valuable asset to our community**, with a vested interest in the education of our youth. We would greatly appreciate receiving a contribution of any amount to help support our efforts to sustain the **invaluable services** the MRSPL provides. If you wish to earmark a gift for a specific purpose (e.g., children's books, women's books, DVDs, e-books, endowment fund), please send us a note.

Your donation is tax-deductible and we will provide you with appropriate documentation. We appreciate your kind consideration.

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